AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0020] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0020] In step 13, the user may be <u>associated with assigned to</u> a user group. Association with a group can be obtained either on an object-related basis, i.e. from the need for particular users to be able to work with a particular data stock, or on a subject-related basis, i.e. from the respective user's hierarchic authorisation or confidentiality classification allowing him basic access to data on a particular security level on the basis of his position in the organisation. Furthermore, a user may belong to a plurality of user groups representing, by way of example, a plurality of practice teams in which the user is simultaneously collaborating. In such cases, the user automatically has access to various, different data stocks.